

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully considered the final Office Action dated July 12, 2006 and the references cited therein. Applicant provides this Amendment in a sincere effort to place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and entry of this Amendment is respectfully solicited.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that Claim 25 contains allowable subject matter and would be allowable if written in independent form. Applicant gratefully acknowledges this indication of allowable subject matter.

Claim 25 depends from Claims 23 and 24. Therefore, Applicant has amended Claim 23 to include the elements from Claims 24 and 25. Claims 24 and 25 have been cancelled. Based upon the indication of allowable subject matter, Applicant respectfully submits that amended Claim 23, and those claims depending therefrom, patently distinguish over the references of record.

Claims 1-22 and 29-34 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and that this case be moved toward allowance.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would be helpful in moving this case toward allowance, he is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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